

Guidelines

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

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SUBJECT : Status Report on House Select Committee
on Assassinations Investigation
(previously reported in Journal of
29 December 1977)

1. OLC has received strong indications from HSCA staff chief, Robert Blakey, that he and his staffers are unhappy with CIA's apparent inability to produce expeditiously more of the information they have requested. It has been explained to them that [redacted] the only current employee with good knowledgeability on the files, is unavoidably out of town in North Carolina due to a tragic family illness. This makes no impression upon Blakey and his minions and it is quite likely that he may give a negative report on the Agency's performance to his Committee chairman.

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2. The ten CI staff people whom we were told would be available to work in these files have not amounted to as much as had been hoped. All ten had received separation notifications and understandably are more interested in looking for other jobs than they are in digging into old files. CI staff is aware of this problem and is trying to make other people available.

3. In an effort to speed up our ability to give material to the Committee, Dan Colson of the FBI's Office of Legislative Counsel, was asked if it would be alright to give limited access to FBI material incorporated in the Warren Committee report [redacted]. It was explained that going through these files and separating out all FBI material is a time consuming and largely useless process since most of the material has been seen by the Committee through FOIA requests or in other material. Colson agreed in theory but said the Bureau still had some viable informants whom they wanted to protect. He was told

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this is perfectly understandable. He said he would investigate the possibility of sending an FBI man out to the Agency to look over the material and make on-the-spot decisions as to whether or not Blakey's staff could see it. I said this would be most helpful.

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5. Blakey will be told of these and other specific moves we are making in order to expedite passage of material to his staff. Whether or not this will stop him from complaining to his Committee chairman remains to be seen.

6. The last letter from the HSCA is attached and gives some indication of the amount of material they are seeking.

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